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- cap-a-pie**, or **cap-a-pie** (kăp'ē pī'), **adv.** from head to foot. [1515-25; < MF *de cap a pie* from head to foot < OFr *< L *de capite pedem**]
- cap-a-piece** (kăp'ē pēs'), **n.** —*souded, sworing.* —*1. a decorative lining covering for a horse's bridle or the tail or harness of a carriage. 2. hair dressed in various clothing styles.* —*2. to cover with a caparison.* 4. to dress richly; deck. [1585-95; < MF *caparison* (now *caparçons*) < OSp *caparazón*, akin to caper *caper*]
- cap-a-piece** (kăp'ē pēs'), **n.** a sleeveless garment of cloth, length, fastened at the neck, worn over the shoulders, worn separately or attached to another garment. [1350-1400; ME (n.) < OE *-cūp* (see *cove*), reinforced in 16th cent. by Sp *capa* < L *capa* hooded cloak *capa*]
- cap-a-piece** (kăp'ē pēs'), **n.** 1. a piece of land jutting into the sea or some other large body of water; headland. 2. **CAPESHIRE**. —**adj.** 3. (capa) pertaining to the Cape of Good Hope or to South Africa: a *Cape diamond*, [1350-1400; ME *capa* < OFr *capa* < VL *capa* cap, head + *-a-* (diminutif)]
- Cape Cod**, **n.** a rocky peninsula in NE Massachusetts between Cape Cod Bay and the Atlantic Ocean; resort towns. 2. a style of house developed mainly on Cape Cod, typically a rectangular one- or one-and-a-half-story cottage with a gabled roof and a central chimney.
- Cape Cod Bay**, **n.** a part of Massachusetts Bay, enclosed by the Cape Cod peninsula.
- Cape Colony**, **n.** former name of **Cape of Good Hope** (def. 2).
- Cape Colored**, **n.** a South African of mixed European and African or Malayan ancestry. [1895-1900; *Colored* (1895-1900) + *Cape*]
- Cape Coral**, **n.** a city in SE Florida. 10,300. [1920-30]
- Cape Dutch**, **n.** 1. used with a plural v. (formerly, or in historical contexts) the Afrikanders. 2. (formerly) **AFRIKANERS**. [1820-30]
- Cape Fear**, **n.** 1. a river in SE North Carolina. 202 mi. (325 km) long. 2. **FEAR**, *Cape*.
- Cape Horn**, **n.** a headland on a small island at the S extremity of South America; belongs to Chile.
- Capek** (chāp'k), **n.** Karel, 1890-1938, Czech playwright and novelist. **Capek** (chāp'k), **n.** a short capa usu. covering just the shoulders. [1910-20]
- cape-salmon** (kăp'ē säl'mōn), **n.** a small food fish, *Mallotus villosus*, of North American coastal waters, related to the smelt. [1610-20; Amer. < MF *capelan* < OHG *codilis*, ILL. *chaplan*]
- Cape sheep**, **n.** a white-coated star in the constellation *Capricornus*. [1675-85; < L *lata*, the goat, dim. of *capra* she-goat (for feet see *CASTLE*)]
- Cape May**, **n.** a city in N New Jersey, seashore resort. 4653.
- Cape of Good Hope**, **n.** a bay in S Africa, in the Cape Republic of South Africa. 2. Also called **Cape Province**. Formerly, the Cape Colony, a province in the Republic of South Africa. 7,443,500; 227,169 sq. mi. (717,868 sq. km). Cap.: *Cape Town*.
- Cape prairie**, **n.** a plain in SW South Africa.
- cape-race**, **v.** —*pared, peing, n.* —*1. to run or skip about in a sprightly manner; prance; risk; gamboil. 2. a playful leap or skip, a jilt or trick; hasty flight; escape. 4. Starg. a criminal's illegal flight. [1585-95; fig. use of L *capere* head, head, C. OE *acfer*, OHG *Ofar*, Old Norse *sheep*]*
- cape-rat** (kăp'răt), **n.** 1. a spiny shrub, *Capparis spinosa*, of Mediterranean regions, having roundish leaves and small flowers. 2. a spiny shrub, *Prunus spinosa*, of Europe and E Asia, having thorns. [1550-1400; back formation from *capers* (taken as pl); ME *caperes* < L *capra* < Gr. *kipparos*]
- cape-racalope** (kăp'ē răk'lōp'), **n.** also **cape-racalope** (kăp'ē răk'lōp'), **n.** a large ground squirrel, *Otospermophilus variegatus*, of Eurasian forests. [1530-40; by dissimilation of *Scrofa* and *capo* (collie), Lit. horse of the woods)]
- cape-ram-fam**, **n.** a person, esp. a woman, *Capparis*, of shrubs and nonwoody plants that bear inconspicuous flowers and fruit in the form of elongated capsules that split open to release the seeds and change color.
- Ca-pe-rah-nim** (kăp'ē ră-nim'), **n.** an ancient site in Israel, on the Sea of Galilee; center of Jesus' ministry in Galilee.
- cape-robin** (kăp'ē rō'bĭn), **n.** a light, pliable leather made from tarskin or sheepskin, esp. for gloves. [1910-15; orig. made from goatskin from the Cape of Good Hope]
- Cape-t** (kăp't), **n.** (p. pl. *Cape-t*) Hugh (hüg), **n.** 1. 1938-95, King of France 1987-1996. 2. a son of, or pertaining to the French dynasty that ruled France A.D. 987-1328. —*2. a member of this dynasty.* [1830-40; < F *capet*, after Hugh CAPET]
- Cape Town**, **n.** the legislative capital of the Republic of South Africa. In the SW part of the Cape of Good Hope province. 769,580.
- Cape Verde** (kăp'ē vĕrd'), **n.** a republic consisting of a group of islands (*Cape Verde* Islands) in the Atlantic W of Africa, 300 miles off the coast of Africa; gained independence in 1975. 500,000; 1557 sq. mi. (4053 sq. km). Cap.: Praia. —*Cape Ver'dean* (vĕrdē'ēn), **n.**
- Cape-York Peninsula**, **n.** a peninsula in NE Australia. In N Queensland, between the Gulf of Carpentaria and the Coral Sea.
- cap-a-fal** (kăp'ē făl'), **n., pl. -fals**, **adv.** —*the notion that a cap will hold.* [1710-20] —*Usage.* See *-ru*.
- Cap-Haïtien** (kăp'ē häyēn') also **Cap-Haïtien** (Fr. kăp'ē sēyān'), **n.** a seaport in N. Haiti. 64,000.
- cap-a-hill** (kăp'ē hĭl'), **n.** a witt command an officer to take a specified person into custody. [1400-50; late ME *< L* *hilum*, you are to take]
- cap-a-litate** (kăp'ē lăt'ē), **n.** the elevation or depression of part of a level surface coming in contact with a solid. [1820-30]
- cap-i-lary** (kăp'ē lĕr'ē), **n.** pl. *-laries*, **adj.** —*1. one of the minute blood vessels between the terminations of the arteries and the beginnings of the veins. 2. Also called *capillary tube*; a tube with a*
- small bore. 2*—adj.* 3. pertaining to a capillary or capillaries or occurring in or formed by a tube or fine bore. 5. *r* of hair; hair.
- Cap-i-ta-lism** (kăp'ē tăl'ĕzム), **n.** 1. pertaining to capitalism. 2. the system of production by a business; the mkt worth of a business. 3. the ownership of material wealth, esp. of property, property, or power, etc., pertaining to a capitalist country. 8. profit, advantage, power, etc., resulting from the ownership of material wealth. 9. the official seal, country, state, etc.; a *capital* city. 10. excellent or fine. 11. of or indicating a capital letter; uppercase. 12. *of* or *in* a capital city. 13. pertaining to a capital; capitalistic. [1225; ME *capital* (obs.) *capitale* < L *capitalis* head + *-al* (L *-al*) < ML *capitalis* wealth, capitals] —*Syn* —*SYNTHETIC CAPITALISM* *parallel*; leading representative of a major nation; a major resource; a *principal stockholder*; the *principal reason*.
- cap-i-tal-ist** (kăp'ē tăl'ĕst), **n.** 1. the distributor of capital; upper class. 2. *one who uses* (or *is* *used* of, L *adjs*) for LL *capitulum* + *-er* (dim. suffix)
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A. Tuscan. B. Gothic
- cap-i-tal-ize** (kăp'ē tăl'ĕz), **v.** —*1. to make capital out of; to turn into capital. 2. to establish or found; to found. 3. to put into effect; to put into practice. 4. to put into effect; to put into practice. 5. to put into effect; to put into practice. 6. to put into effect; to put into practice. 7. to put into effect; to put into practice. 8. to put into effect; to put into practice. 9. to put into effect; to put into practice. 10. to put into effect; to put into practice. 11. to put into effect; to put into practice. 12. to put into effect; to put into practice. 13. to put into effect; to put into practice. 14. to put into effect; to put into practice. 15. to put into effect; to put into practice. 16. to put into effect; to put into practice. 17. to put into effect; to put into practice. 18. to put into effect; to put into practice. 19. to put into effect; to put into practice. 20. to put into effect; to put into practice. 21. to put into effect; to put into practice. 22. to put into effect; 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onto inclined or hollowed areas of a metal base. —v. 2. the technique itself. [1555-60; < F. *appel de champion* to lift (i.e., take out) a field (i.e., a flat part), make hollow places on the ground to be engraved; see CAMP, LAYER]

Champ-polion (shām pōlyōñ), n. Jean François (zhāñ frawñ), 1790-1832, French poet.

Champs Elysées (shām zhéz), n. a boulevard in Paris, France, noted for its cafés, shops, and theaters.

Chance (chāns, chāñs), n. 1. *a. chance*, *chance-h-hic*, adj. —v. 1. the unpredictable or fortuitous element of an event or occurrence. 2. luck or fortune: a game of chance. 3. a possibility or probability of anything happening: a fifty-percent chance of success. 4. an opportunity: *now's your chance*. 5. a risk or hazard: Take a chance. 6. a ticket in a lottery or drawing for a prize. 7. *a. chance*, *chance-h-hic*, adj. —v. 1. the chance of winning or losing: *the brain hasn't yet*. 8. *Ariatic*, an unfortunate event; mishap. —v. 9. to happen or occur by chance: It chance'd that our arrivals coincided. —v. 10. to take the chances or risks of: risk (often followed by *imperiously*). 11. to depend on chance: *He left his umbrella at home, 12. to count on or upon, to meet unexpectedly and accidentally. —adj. 12. not planned or expected; accidental: a chance occurrence. —Idioms: 13. by chance, unintentionally; accidentally. 14. *on the chance*, counting on the unlikely occurrence of: *He's been here all day, on the chance of your coming*. *He's come to see you*. 15. *by chance*, *chance-h-hic*, adj. —v. 16. to change one's clothes. 16. (of the moon) to pass from one place to another. 17. (of trees) to grow in a disorderly way. —n. 18. a difference between two tasks or between a task and a rest break. —n. 19. the act of changing or the result of being changed. 20. a transformation: *to undergo a change*. 21. a change of place or position: *a change of residence*. 22. the substitution of one thing for another. 23. a replacement or substitution. 24. a fresh set of clothes. 25. variety or novelty: *Her clothes are one who likes change*. 26. the passing from one state to another: *the change of government*. 27. a change in the amount of money returned when the sum offered in payment is larger than the sum due. 28. coins of low denomination. 30. any of the various sequences in which a peak of popularity may rise and fall, end, or reverse one's opinions or intentions. [1175-1225; ME < AF, *changer* < LL *cambiare* to cambire to exchange] —*change-h-hic*, *chance-h-hic*, *chance-h-hic* —*change-h-hic*, *chance-h-hic* —*change-h-hic**

chan-cell-er (chāñsl̄ īr), n. 1. the master of the chancellor's office in some German universities. 2. the chief administrative officer in some American universities. 3. the chief secretary of a king or noble, or of an embassy. 4. the prior of an order of a Roman Catholic church. 5. a member of the diplomatic or administrative staff of a chancellor. 6. a building or room occupied by a chancellor's department. [1250-1300; ME *chanceller* < AF *chancelle* < L *cancelle* doorpost, lit., mat at the barrier (see CHANCELOR, *-HIC*)] —*chan-cell-er-ship*, n.

Chan-cell-or (chāñsl̄ ɔr), *sl. *chan-*cl̄or*, n. 1. the chief minister of state in some Germanic kingdoms, as in Germany. 2. the chief administrative officer in some American universities. 3. the chief secretary of a king or noble, or of an embassy. 4. the prior of an order of a Roman Catholic church. 5. a member of the diplomatic or administrative staff of a chancellor. 6. a building or room occupied by a chancellor's department. [1250-1300; ME *chancier* < OFN, OF *chançier* doorman, lit., mat at the barrier (see CHANCELLOR, *-HIC*)] —*chan-cell-or-ship*, n.

Chan-cell-or of the Exchequer, n. the minister of finance in the British government. [1175-1225]

Chancery (chāñsē), n. 1. a homicide occurring during an unexpected encounter. 2. a witness' random action. [1400-50; ME *chancere* < AF *chancierie* < L *cancelle* office, department of a chancellor; *cancelle*, an office of public records. 3. Brit. the lord Chancellor's court, a division of the High Court of Justice. 4. a. a court of equity. b. equity (def. 3a). 5. the administration of a state or nation by a committee of experts. 6. Brit. a court of equity or chancery. [1275-75; ME *chancierie*, var. of *chancery*, synecdochic var. of *chancellerie* CHANCERY]

chan-cre-ta (chāñkretā), n. the initial lesion of aspergillosis and certain other infections, consisting of a small, distinct ulcer or sore with a hard base. [1565-1605; < MF < L *cancrum* acc. of *cancrum* CANCER]

chan-cry, adj. —*chan-cry-hic*, adj.

chan-cy-old (chāñsēôld), adj. an infectious venereal ulcer with a soft base, like chancre. [1890-95; *chan-* + *cyst* + -old, adj.]

chan-cy (chāñsē, chāñs), adj. *chan-cy-hic*, adj. 1. hazardous or risky; uncertain. 2. subject to chance; random; haphazard. 3. *Scol* (lucky). [1505-15] —*chan-cy-hic*, adj.

chan-dle (chāñdl̄), n. 1. a candle, decorative, sometimes ornate light fixture suspended from a ceiling or used, having branched supports for a number of lights. [1655-65; < F. *lit*, something that holds candles; see CANDLE, *-HIC*] —*chan-dle-er*, n. 2. a person who makes or sells items of tallow or wax, as candles or soap. 2. a dealer or trader in supplies, esp. of a specialized type: a *skin* chandler. [1275-1525; ME *chandilere* < OF *chandeler* or *chandelle* candle < AF, *chandeler* CHANDELLE CANDLE + *-er* *HIC*]

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chan-dler-pe-riod, n. the period of the oscillation (Chandler wobble) of the earth's axis, varying between 416 and 433 days. [1955-60; after Seth Chandler (1846-1915), U.S. astronomer]

chan-dler-plate (chāñdl̄ plāt), n. 1. a storeroom for candles. 2. the business or wares of a chandler. [1595-1605] —*chan-dler-plate*, n.

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chan-chia-ou (*Chin* chāñjāñññ), n. ZHANZHIAO.

chan-chow or **Cheng-chow** (*Chin* chāñgññ), n. ZHANZHOU.

chan-chow (*Chin* chāñgññ), n. CHENGZHO.

chan-de (chāñd̄ ñr) also **Chang-teh**, n. the capital of Jin province, in N China. [1890-1910; *chan-* + *de* (city)]

chan-de (chāñd̄ ñr) also **Chang-teh**, a city in N Hunan province, in E China. [225,000]

chan-ge (chāñg), v. *changed*, *chang-ing*, n. —v. 1. to make different in form: *To change one's name*. 2. to transform (usu. fol. by *into*): *The prince changed into a toad*. 3. to exchange for another: *He exchanged his coat for mine*. 4. to convert (usu. fol. by *into*): *to change water into wine*. 5. to transfer from one (conveyance) to another: *to change a train*. 6. to give or get money in exchange for: *to change a bill*. 7. to remove and replace old coverings or garments: *to change a bedsheet*. 8. to alter (usu. fol. by *into*): *to change one's mood* to become altered or modified. —n. 9. the act of changing or the result of being changed. 10. a transformation (usu. fol. by *into*): *The transformation of water into wine*. 11. to become transformed (usu. fol. by *into*): *The load changed into a prince*. 12. to change one's clothes: *to change into a suit*. 13. to make an exchange: *to change for a train*. 14. to transfer between conveyances 15. to change one's clothes. 16. (of the moon) to pass from one phase to another. 17. (of trees) to grow in a disorderly way. —*chan-ge-h-hic*, adj. 18. to alternate between two tasks or between a task and a rest break. —n. 19. the act of changing or the result of being changed. 20. a transformation: *to undergo a change*. 21. a change of place or position: *to change residence*. 22. the substitution of one thing for another. 23. a replacement or substitution. 24. a fresh set of clothes. 25. variety or novelty: *Her clothes are one who likes change*. 26. the passing from one state to another. 27. coins of low denomination. 30. any of the various sequences in which a peak of popularity may rise and fall, end, or reverse one's opinions or intentions. [1175-1225; ME < AF, *chanter* < LL *cambiare* to cambire to exchange] —*chan-ge-h-hic*, *chance-h-hic* —*chan-ge-h-hic*, *chance-h-hic* —*chan-ge-h-hic*, *chance-h-hic*

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